

IN THE CLAIMS:

The listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): Plastic fuel inlet compartment having:

- a passage hole (2) in a rear wall (3) for connecting or passing through a tank line that can be closed,
- a second passage opening (28) in ~~a~~the rear wall (3), delimited by a weakening groove (27), for bivalent gas tanking, marked or molded on, and that after installation or during pre-assembly of the fuel inlet compartment, ~~the~~a wall part delimited in this manner can be broken out or pushed out to form the passage opening (28);
- a pivot bearing (4) that runs essentially vertically, with horizontal bearing bores (5, 6) at a top and bottom on ~~a~~at least one side mantle wall (7) of the fuel inlet compartment (1), for insertion of a bearing pin (8) that is mounted to rotate therein, to which a bearing lever (9) of a door (10) that closes off the fuel inlet compartment (1) is attached,

- at least one bearing chamber (11) for accommodating at least one locking ~~device~~ element (13) disposed in a housing (12), for locking ~~a closed the door (10) when closed~~, the fuel inlet compartment (1), ~~having a said locking element (13) that can be activated mounted to rotate or be displaced, which releasably engages behind a stop projection (14) on the door (10) in the closed position when closed,~~
- devices (15) on the outsides of said at least one mantle walls wall (7, 16, 17, 18) for engaging the fuel inlet compartment (1) for attaching the fuel inlet compartment (1) ~~on the car body.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 1, wherein the pivot bearing (4) is disposed in a side chamber (19) provided in said at least one a mantle wall (7), projecting laterally, and that the bearing lever (9) has an arc-shaped segment (20) having a vertical bearing bore (21) for the bearing pin (8) and a planar segment (22), and the door (10) rests against ~~the an opening edge (23) of the fuel inlet compartment (1) with the an outer edge region, and assumes an at least approximately perpendicular position to the fuel inlet compartment opening in the open position when opened.~~

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 2, wherein the door (10) is releasably attached to the planar segment (22) of the bearing lever (9), particularly by means of rear-side catch elements thereon.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 2, wherein a mechanical or viscous brake (24) that is mounted to rotate in ~~a bearing~~ the side chamber, applying a certain torque, is coupled with the rotating bearing pin (8), at least at one end, the housing of ~~a the~~ the brake is attached so as not to rotate out of position, on a bearing wall of the pivot bearing (4) or a wall of the ~~bearing-side~~ side chamber (19).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 1, wherein a stop projection (14) having a perpendicular locking segment (25) is provided on the door (10) opposite the pivot bearing (4), said stop projection engages in ~~said a~~ a projection (15) provided on the inside, on ~~the said at~~ least one mantle wall (16) of the fuel inlet compartment that lies opposite the pivot bearing (4), and that the locking element (13) engages behind the locking segment (25).

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according to claim 1, wherein the ~~at least~~ second passage opening ~~(26)~~(28) is already provided as an open passage hole.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 1, wherein the face of the fuel inlet compartment (1) is provided with a circumferential frame-shaped edge (23) that projects beyond ~~the said at least one mantle walls~~ wall on the outside.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 7, wherein the outsides of ~~the said at least one mantle walls~~ wall(7, 16, 17, 18) work together with the rear side of the edge (23) in such a manner that the fuel inlet compartment is held locked in place when inserted.

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 1, wherein the fuel inlet compartment (1) forms an assembly unit with the ~~pre-assembled locking device~~(12) element (13) in said housing (12), the bearing lever (9), the door (10), and the bearing pin (8).

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according to claim 1, wherein the bearing chamber (11) for the locking ~~device~~ element (13) having the housing (12), stops the housing (12) of the locking device ~~element (13)-(12)~~.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 1 wherein the locking ~~device~~ element (13) having the housing (12) is a micro-actuator that can be electrically controlled, about a defined angle, that accommodates the door (10), ~~in the when locked position~~, and pivots the door open ~~it back into an open position~~ by means of excitation with current.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 1, wherein the door (10) and the bearing lever (9) and the locking element also consist of plastic ~~and are parts that have been molded on~~.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 12, wherein the ~~hook-shaped~~ locking element is hook-shaped, ~~has on which the~~ a locking pin or projection (14) on the rear of the door (10) slides along the locking element which moves in a rotational manner ~~during rotation~~ to a certain angle, ~~and is activated and brings about the rotary movement of the locking element which opens the door (10) by a defined gap, and~~

~~that the locking element can be reset into the and locked position
by means of under electrical control.~~

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): Fuel inlet compartment according to claim 12, wherein ~~it~~ the fuel inlet compartment has for manual activation, accessible on the inside, for closing which records at least the type of fuel being filled, as a function of the activation.